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TAGS: AMGT ILAB OTRA PHUM  
SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO TRAINING ON FORCED LABOR AND CHILD  
LABOR

REF: STATE 13514

¶1. In response to reftel, post nominates Mballe M. Nkembe. He is an American direct-hire, economic-coned officer in post's combined Political/Economic section. (Note: Post does not have a Labor Officer. End note.) Mr. Nkembe, who is currently updating the Department of Labor's (DOL) Foreign Labor Trends report for Haiti, has responsibility for labor and union issues. Mr. Nkembe departs post in August 2008. The officer assuming responsibility for these issues is scheduled to arrive in July.

¶2. Post, understanding that the Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking (OCFT) within the DOL's Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) considers Haiti a high priority, requests assistance with all expenses associated with the trip: travel, lodging, and per diem. As per instructions in reftel and as discussed in correspondence with OCFT/ILAB officer, Mr. Nkembe will attend the training session on April 10-11 in Washington, D.C. The government unrestricted airfare departing on April 9 and returning on April 12 is \$838. The restricted, non-refundable airfare for the same dates is \$376.

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